

Swartout House
Waukegan, Illinois
Lake Co.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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SOURCE

The house is on Lot #5 and east 32' of Lot #10, Block #1. Property subdivided in 1841. This one-story house of frame construction at 414 Sheridan Road was erected by Mr. John H. Swartout on acquiring the property in 1847 from Wm. C. Tiffany, and sold the following year to a relative, Chas. P. Swartout, who sold it in 1857 to Mary Ann Peterson, who in turn sold it in 1864 to Mrs. Sylvia Newcomb, who left it, upon her death, in 1891, to her niece, the present owner, Mrs. W.G. Hardie. She and her husband still occupy the house, which is in excellent condition and cannot help but attract your attention as you drive by it on Sheridan Road.

The rear portion was added in 1858, when Mary Ann Peterson became the owner. This portion is now the dining room, kitchen, rear bedroom, bath, service entry and storage space. At the same time, the present living room was made from two rooms which had an enclosed stairway between, leading to an attic space. Also a doorway between the hall and front room (original parlor) was closed up. In 1877 Mrs. Newcomb added the bay window in the north wall of the living room. In 1933 the present owner remodeled the open porch at the south side, making it into a sun room.

The interior trim is of pine painted white. There is no evidence of any oak or large-sized timber in the structure frame.

The assessed valuation in 1850 was \$300, from 1850 until 1860 \$500, and in 1855 it was mortgaged for \$3700.

January 10, 1934

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Approved Earl H. Reed, Jr.
District Officer

Reviewed 1936 by H.C.F.